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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

October 1, 2009.

I hereby appoint the Honorable LINCOLN DAVIS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Adam Dooley, Red Bank Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee, offered the following prayer:

Heavenly Father, we come seeking Your blessing on this hallowed hall and the men and women who serve here. We do so with the full awareness of the Apostle Paul's teaching that "there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God."

So Lord, we pray that Your steady hand guide them, Your eternal wisdom inform them, Your compassionate heart encourage them, and Your relentless holiness purify them.

May their decisions preserve America as a city on a hill with a light that cannot be hidden. Forgive us of our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Bring us to a place of humility before You in order that we might enjoy Your richest blessings.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. MCCARTHY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has agreed to a concurrent resolution of the House of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 186. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month.

WELCOMING REV. DR. ADAM DOOLEY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. WAMP) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. WAMP. I want to welcome this morning to the House of Representatives my pastor, Dr. Adam Dooley, who hails from Berea, Kentucky, graduated from Clear Creek Bible College, and went on to receive his Doctor of Divinity from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He was the senior pastor at the Red House Baptist Church in Kentucky before he came to my home church of Red Bank Baptist in Red Bank, Tennessee.

Dr. Dooley, his wife, Heather, and their son, Carson, bless our large congregation there in Chattanooga, and today we welcome him to the House of

Representatives as the guest chaplain and thank him for that extraordinary opening prayer this morning.

Welcome, Dr. Dooley.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. DEGETTE). The Chair will entertain up to five further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

MAD AS HELL DOCTORS

(Mr. KUCINICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KUCINICH. I want to acknowledge the presence in our Capitol of a group of physicians who have traveled across the country rallying public support for a single-payer health care system.

The group, which calls itself the Mad As Hell Doctors, is expressing the concern of millions of Americans about a health care system which is failing to meet the people's needs: that there are 47 million Americans without any health insurance, that 50 million Americans are underinsured, that people are literally going broke, not being able to pay their hospital bills.

We clearly recognize that this system is not sustainable. That's why JOHN CONYERS and I drafted a bill, H.R. 676, that provides for universal single-payer, not-for-profit health care. We're already paying for such a system. It's just that we're not getting it because \$1 out of every \$3 goes for the activities of the for-profit system for corporate profits, stock options, executive salaries, advertising, marketing, the cost of paperwork.

It's time to take that \$800 billion a year and put it into care for people. Everyone is covered then for vision care, dental health care, mental health care, prescription drugs, long-term care. It's time for single-payer.

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